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PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

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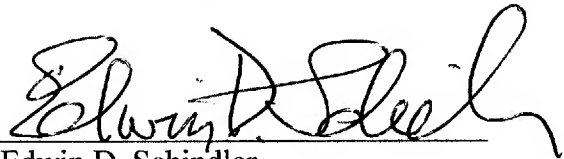
Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until Tuesday, January 22, 2008, in which to file an *Amendment in Response to the First Office Action*, dated July 20, 2007, for the above-identified patent application.

The shortened statutory period for response expired on October 20, 2007. The requisite extension fee of \$525.00 (small entity) is being concurrently remitted via EFT.

Respectfully submitted,

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